List of Companies where LIC has substantial exposure:—

Name of the Company	Percentage Holding
Reliance Energy Limited	17.26%
Associated Cement Companies Limited	16.81%
Punjab Tractors Limited	14.97%
Sterlite Industries (India) Limited	14.87%
Gujarat Ambuja Cements Limited	14.80%
India Cements Limited	13.78%
Tata Tea Limited	13.64%
Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited	13.64%
Tata Chemicals Limited	13.35%
Escorts Limited	13.31%
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited	12.58%
ITC Limited	11.84%
Indian Hotels Company Limited	11.55%
Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	11.29%
Britannia Industries Ltd.	11.09%
Tata Power Company Ltd.	10.81%
Ashok Leyland Limited	10.55%
ABB Ltd.	10.47%
Raymond Ltd.	10.44%
Glaxo Smithkline Pharma Limited	10.28%

Market Stabilisation Fund

1348. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether leading sharebrokers have suggested to Government

to set up a Market Stabilisation Fund (MSF) as a mechanism to avoid recurrence of sudden crashes that shook the stock market, such as the one on 17th May, 2004; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) A suggestion for such a fund has been made in a meeting.

(b) There is no decision on setting up of a Market Stabilisation Fund.

Relief to Andhra Farmers

1349. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Govt. has sought a financial assistance of Rs.660 crores and a package of measures to provide relief to the distressed farmers;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh Govt. has also conveyed that severe drought and a spate of suicides by farmers have been reported from several districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether a number of memoranda were submitted to the Prime Minister during his visit in the month of July; and

(d) if so, what is the total package the Central Govt. have agreed and by when this is being released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) No report on occurrence of drought due to deficient rainfall during the current South-West Monsoon has been received from the State so far.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) An *ex-gratia* payment of Rs.50000/- per family has been made to 154 affected families due to suicides of farmers from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund. After the visit of Prime Minister to the State in July, 2004, 1.82 lakh MTs of foodgrains were released to the State, free of cost, under Special component of SGRY for drought of 2003-04. Also,